## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, as set forth below.

The text of all pending claims, along with their current status, is set forth below:

- 1. (Currently amended) A system for creating web applications, the system comprising:
  - a controller generator that is adapted to provide a web application with a controller that receives a request for data from a user and responds to the request by sending information to the user; and
  - a configurator generator that is adapted to provide a configurator that loads

    configuration information for use by the controller from a cached

    configuration file that originated from a backend data store, and wherein the

    configurator stores the configuration information for subsequent access.
- 2. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration file is a text properties configuration file.
- 3. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configurator is adapted to store the configuration information as a singleton object.
- 4. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration information comprises error handling information.

- 5. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration information comprises log processing information.
- 6. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configuration information comprises data that is specific to each of a plurality of portals.
- 7. (Original) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein the configurator is adapted to read the configuration information upon initialization of the controller.
- 8. (Currently amended) A method of creating web applications, the method comprising:
  - creating, with a processor-based device, a controller that receives a request for data from a user and responds to the request by sending information to the user; and
  - providing a configurator that loads configuration information for use by the controller from a cached configuration file that originated from a backend data store, and wherein the configurator stores the configuration information for subsequent access.
- 9. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising defining the configuration file to be a text properties configuration file.
- 10. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising adapting the configurator to store the configuration information as a singleton object.

- 11. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising defining the configuration information to comprise error handling information.
- 12. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising defining the configuration information to comprise log processing information.
- 13. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising defining the configuration information to comprise data that is specific to each of a plurality of portals.
- 14. (Original) The method set forth in claim 8, comprising adapting the configurator to read the configuration information upon initialization of the controller.
- 15. (Currently amended) A system for creating web applications, the system comprising:
  - means for creating a controller that is adapted to receive a request for data from a user and respond to the request; and
  - means for creating a configurator that loads configuration information for use by the controller from a <u>cached</u> configuration file <u>that originated from a backend data</u>

    <u>store</u>, and <u>wherein the configurator</u> stores the configuration information for subsequent access.
- 16. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configuration file is a text properties configuration file.

- 17. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configurator is adapted to store the configuration information as a singleton object.
- 18. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configuration information comprises error handling information.
- 19. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configuration information comprises log processing information.
- 20. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configuration information comprises data that is specific to each of a plurality of portals.
- 21. (Original) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein the configurator is adapted to read the configuration information upon initialization of the controller.
  - 22. (Currently amended) A machine readable medium, comprising:
  - a controller generator stored on the machine readable medium, the controller generator being adapted to provide a web application with a controller that receives a request for data from a user and responds to the request by sending information to the user; and
  - a configurator generator stored on the machine readable medium, the configurator generator being adapted to provide a configurator that loads configuration information for use by the controller from a cached configuration file that originated from a backend data store, and wherein the configurator stores the configuration information for subsequent access.

- 23. (Original) The machine readable medium set forth in claim 22, wherein the configurator generator is adapted to produce a configurator that stores the configuration information as a singleton object.
- 24. (Original) The machine readable medium set forth in claim 22, wherein the configurator generator is adapted to produce a configurator that reads the configuration information upon initialization of the controller.